

## **IWADE – Localism Live Pilot**

### **Notes of workshop held on 22nd May 2013**

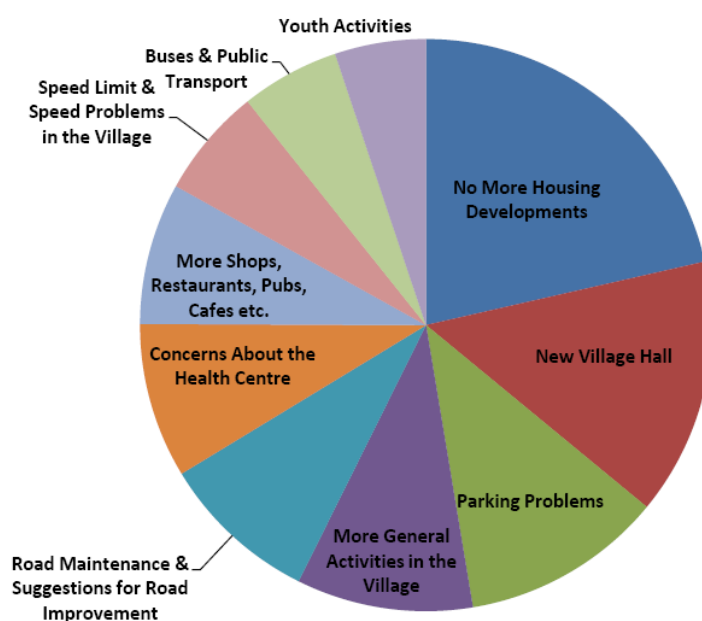
#### Attendees:

Councillor Ben Stokes  
Councillor Gerry Lewin  
Councillor Mike Whiting  
Emma Wiggins (SBC)  
Graeme Tuff (SBC)  
James Hunt (IPC)  
Joe Clark (resident)  
Lara Hayes (Mobilise)  
Lynda Fisher (IPC)  
Micah Gold (Mobilise)  
Natalie Earl (Amicus)  
Nick Mayatt (KCC Warden)  
Rachel Rook  
Stephen Plumb (Iwade Church)

The session was introduced and facilitated by Micah Gold. The aim of the session was to focus on the core issues emerging from the first workshop and develop a 10 point community plan. In preparation for the session, Iwade undertook a survey of local residents which Mobilise analysed and reported on.

Lara Hayes reported on the Iwade Survey findings. The full report appears in the appendix to these notes. The headlines of the survey:

- Samples size 52 of mixed ages though no under 21 respondents
- The top 10 priorities were as follows:



The workshop then decided to focus on the following key areas:

1. Impacts of development
2. Village Hall – Community Facilities
3. Parking
4. General Activities
5. Activities for Young People

## **1. Impacts of development**

The issue of housing development in Iwade is not new and has been flagged up by residents before. Iwade Parish Council attempted previously to stop developments; they feel like the planning system does not support them in this.

There is pressure on Swale Borough Council (as there is everywhere) from central government to build houses though it is acknowledged that Iwade has had its fair share of this. A discussion was held about whether a locally led planning group or development of a neighbourhood plan under the Localism Act could help Iwade influence further developments in Iwade.

Clr. Gerry Lewin highlighted that neighbourhood planning can be beneficial but has its shortcomings. A neighbourhood plan would not mean a community can override national and local planning guidance, but it would give Iwade the means to influence what goes where and how developments are built. It was also noted that development of a neighbourhood plan has a considerable financial cost to it. Iwade Parish Council noted that there is currently no more housing planned, however they expressed concerns that there may be more housing in the future.

Actions:

- Iwade Parish Council agreed to look into creating a neighbourhood plan and Swale Borough Council Planning Services agreed to meet with them about this.
- It was agreed that there will be a local planning committee tour. CLLR Gerry Lewin and Swale Borough Council agreed to implement this.

## **2. Parking**

Parking has been a continuous and contentious issue in Iwade. Vehicles are being parked on pavements and along narrow roads. Members from Iwade Parish Council are concerned that emergency services would not be able to access parts of the village in an emergency. There have been a few initiatives in the village to prevent 'anti-social' parking. Enforcement is necessary, however Iwade Parish Council highlighted that parking problems were a symptom of lack of parking in the village. There was discussion about potential areas where new parking spaces could be created.

Actions:

- A policy for tackling the issue of parking is to be developed. Clr. Gerry Lewin agreed to develop this action.
- There was agreement that a Parking Problem Solving Group should be created. This will look into education, creating more parking spaces, exploring tarmac surfacing options to create more parking and funding options. Swale Borough Council / Kent Officers agreed to initiate this. CLLR Ben Stokes agreed to convene.

### **3. Village Hall – Community Facilities**

Issues have arisen with regards to the location for a new Village Hall. The previous planned location has fallen through. James Hunt, Chair of Iwade Parish Council, said that there is some consideration about using the plot of land next to the Medical Centre. It was suggested that Iwade Parish Council should be proactive ensuring that Swale Borough Council planning has on file its wishes and plans for the new village hall.

Actions:

- A meeting between Iwade Parish Council, Swale Borough Council Planning Department, the developer and the Village Hall Committee was suggested. Cllr. Ben Stokes offered to convene this meeting.
- Emma Wiggins, offered to provide advice to assist them on their plans for Iwade Village Hall design.

### **4. General Activities**

A short discussion was held about general activities as this was seen as dependent on the creation of the new village hall as this is the main place where these can be held. It was pointed out that people need to be able to book the new facility when it comes on line for a reasonable price so it is readily available for groups and activities.

### **5. Activities for Young People**

Iwade Parish Council has attempted to engage young people in the past. There have been ideas for activities and groups but there has been a lack of volunteers and low attendances. This is not currently a significant problem, as there is not a large population of teenage young people in Iwade. However, it has the potential to become more significant in the future as there are a lot of families with younger children in Iwade that will soon become teenagers.

Actions:

- Iwade Parish Council agreed to look into surveys on different platforms and how the new Village Hall could be utilised for youth activities.
- Iwade Parish Council to organise meeting with CXX and include Amicus Horizon to discuss youth activities.

### **6. Localism Live Learning & Feedback**

As this workshop was part of SBC's Localism Live pilot, participants were asked to give their feedback on how useful this process has been.

- There was a general consensus that the workshops had been useful and that working in partnership should continue in the future
- Iwade Parish Council took on responsibility to take this forward and book a next meeting
- An open dialogue between SBC and IPC was encouraged - Emma Wiggins's offered to organise meetings with relevant officers when necessary / requested
- Cllr Gerry Lewin thanked Iwade Parish Council for agreeing to be the pilot of the Localism Live Scheme.
- Medical Centre Updates – 13<sup>th</sup> June there will be a new service provider coming into place. The Patient Participation Group is in place with 18-20 people attending. Iwade Parish Council highlighted that was a need for better communication between the Parish Council and the Patient Participation Group.

## IWADE Localism Live Action Plan

Topic:	Action:	Owner / Partner:
<b>Impacts of Development:</b>	SBC Planning Committee Tour to come to Iwade	Swale Borough Council Cllr. Gerry Lewin/ Natalie Earl
	Iwade Parish Council to look into potential of Neighbourhood Plan – offer from SBC Planning to discuss	Iwade Parish Council & Swale Borough Council Natalie Earl
<b>Parking:</b>	SBC to develop a Parking Policy guidance for developments	Cllr. Gerry Lewin/ Natalie Earl
	Parking Problem Solving Group to meet for Iwade including KCC, SBC and IPC to look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Creating more parking space</li> <li>• Funding</li> </ul>	Cllr. Ben Stokes to convene, Kent County Council, Swale Borough Council & Iwade Parish Council
<b>Village Hall:</b>	Iwade Parish Council create plan for new hall outlining ambition (map, location, space) and to send to SBC Planning to put on file	Iwade Parish Council, Swale Borough Council - Natalie Earl
	Developer & Planning Meeting to take place to include Iwade Parish Council & Village Hall Committee	Cllr. Ben Stokes to convene, Developer, Iwade Parish Council, Swale Borough Council & Village Hall Committee
<b>Youth Activities:</b>	Iwade Parish Council meeting with CXK	Iwade Parish Council, Amicus Horizon & CXK
	Look into new platforms and methods to reach young people and gain ideas / information	Iwade Parish Council

**Iwade Parish Council**

**Ambitions for Iwade – Community  
Survey Results**

**A Report by Mobilise Public Ltd**

**May 2013**

## Introduction

As part of the Localism Live Pilot, Iwade Parish Council is creating a 10 Point Plan setting out ambitions for Iwade. The aim of this 10 Point Plan is to focus the attention of all partners: the Parish Council, Borough and County Councils, Police, Church, Schools and others on a set of shared priorities for Iwade.

To inform this 10 Point Plan, Iwade Parish Council asked residents in the village to complete a survey. Residents were asked to put forward their suggestions, needs and aspirations for Iwade village.

The aim of this report is to collate the results from the resident survey highlighting the key areas raised by residents through the survey.

## Iwade Context

Iwade is a small village in the borough of Swale, Kent. It has a population of 3,087. Iwade has an active Parish Council, and local facilities include a church, a health centre, primary school, village pub and a number of shops.

## Methodology

### **Survey Content**

The survey document gives a brief overview of the Iwade Localism Live Pilot Scheme, and asks residents what they believe are the needs and aspirations for Iwade Village. Residents were told in the introductory text that this could cover issues such as community facilities which includes new hall and the medical centre; highways and transport; housing needs and planning; the environment and climate change; access to information and services; provision for young people and the elderly, crime and safety, education and training, and employment.

The survey asked residents for their name, contact details and age range. Residents were also asked to list their needs and aspirations for Iwade village in order of priority (1-12). The deadline for returning the survey (19<sup>th</sup> April 2013) was clearly stated.

### **Survey Distribution**

The survey was distributed in the monthly Parish Council newsletter as a separate document. This method meant it was delivered to every household in Iwade. It was also available to download on the Parish Council website (<http://www.iwadevillage.co.uk/councils.aspx>). It was advertised through the Iwade village social media accounts and online forums.

There were 3 collection points where residents were able to return completed surveys; the local pharmacy, the Woolpack Inn and at the Parish Clerk's house (Lynda Fisher). 52 surveys were completed and returned.

## **Collating Results**

Data from each survey was inputted into a database. The data inputted included how each suggestion was prioritised by the resident and the age range of the person completing the survey.

The priorities were scored for each survey. Top priorities, listed as 1 on a survey, were given a score of 12, the second highest received 11. The lowest received 1. This system meant that, when collating results, the areas that residents felt were of priority, would have the highest scores.

Each suggestion listed by residents was inputted into the database. Although this survey was qualitative in its nature, suggestions were similar enough that we were able to code the answers for quantitative analysis. The following codes were used:

	Code
Parking Problems	A
Speed Limit & Speed Problems in the Village	B
Lorries in the Village	C
Road Maintenance & Suggestions for Road Improvement	D
No More Housing Developments	E
New Village Hall	F
More General Activities in the Village	G
Concerns About the Health Centre	H
Dog Mess	I
Litter & Village Cleanliness	J
Policing	K
Buses & Public Transport	L
Desire for Recreation Space / Sports Centre	M
Street Lighting	N
Youth Activities	O
Elderly Activities	P
More Shops, Restaurants, Pubs, Cafes etc.	Q
Plants in the Village	R
Desire for Dentist	S
School Capacity	T
Concerns About Crime	U
Traffic Congestion	V
Other (Various Different Suggestions)	W

Some residents gave answers that could be included in 2 code areas. For example:

*'School places! More traffic in a congested area!'*

This comment falls under two code categories. To overcome this, comments like these were categorised twice. They were given the same score in each category.

The inputted data was then added up and explained in two different tables. One table shows the amount of times residents mentioned specific subjects (according to the classification above). The other explains

what topics residents considered to be a high priority for the Parish Council to consider in their 10 Point Plan. The results are explained in the following section.

\*Note: The 'other' category is not included in the final results and discussion section of this report, as suggestions in this area could not be grouped due to the variety of suggestions made / topics raised.



## Results

This section will look at the results of the survey. It includes tables and charts to demonstrate results.

### Tables

#### 1.) Rated By Priority Score

		Code	Amount of Times Mentioned	*Priority Score
1	No More Housing Developments	E	38	404
2	New Village Hall	F	26	274
3	Parking Problems	A	25	215
4	More General Activities in the Village	G	31	188
5	Road Maintenance & Suggestions for Road Improvement	D	20	169
6	Concerns About the Health Centre	H	17	165
7	More Shops, Restaurants, Pubs, Cafes etc.	Q	21	151
8	Speed Limit & Speed Problems in the Village	B	14	117
9	Buses & Public Transport	L	13	105
10	Youth Activities	O	12	97
11	Dog Mess	I	11	93
12	Litter & Village Cleanliness	J	11	88
13	Elderly Activities	P	8	77
14	School Capacity	T	10	75
15	Desire for Recreation Space / Sports Centre	M	9	61
16	Lorries in the Village	C	6	59
17	Plants in the Village	R	9	53
18	Policing	K	6	51
19	Concerns About Crime	U	5	49
20	Street Lighting	N	6	45
21	Desire for Dentist	S	6	37
22	Traffic Congestion	V	3	23
	Other (Various Different Suggestions)	W	42	266

## 2.) Rated by Amount of Times Mentioned

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## 3.) Number of Surveys Completed by Each Age Group

Age Range	Number of surveys completed
0-10	0
11-20	0
21-30	1
31-40	13
41-50	6
51-60	6
61-70	16
71-80	6
81-99	2
Age not listed	2

Chart 1:

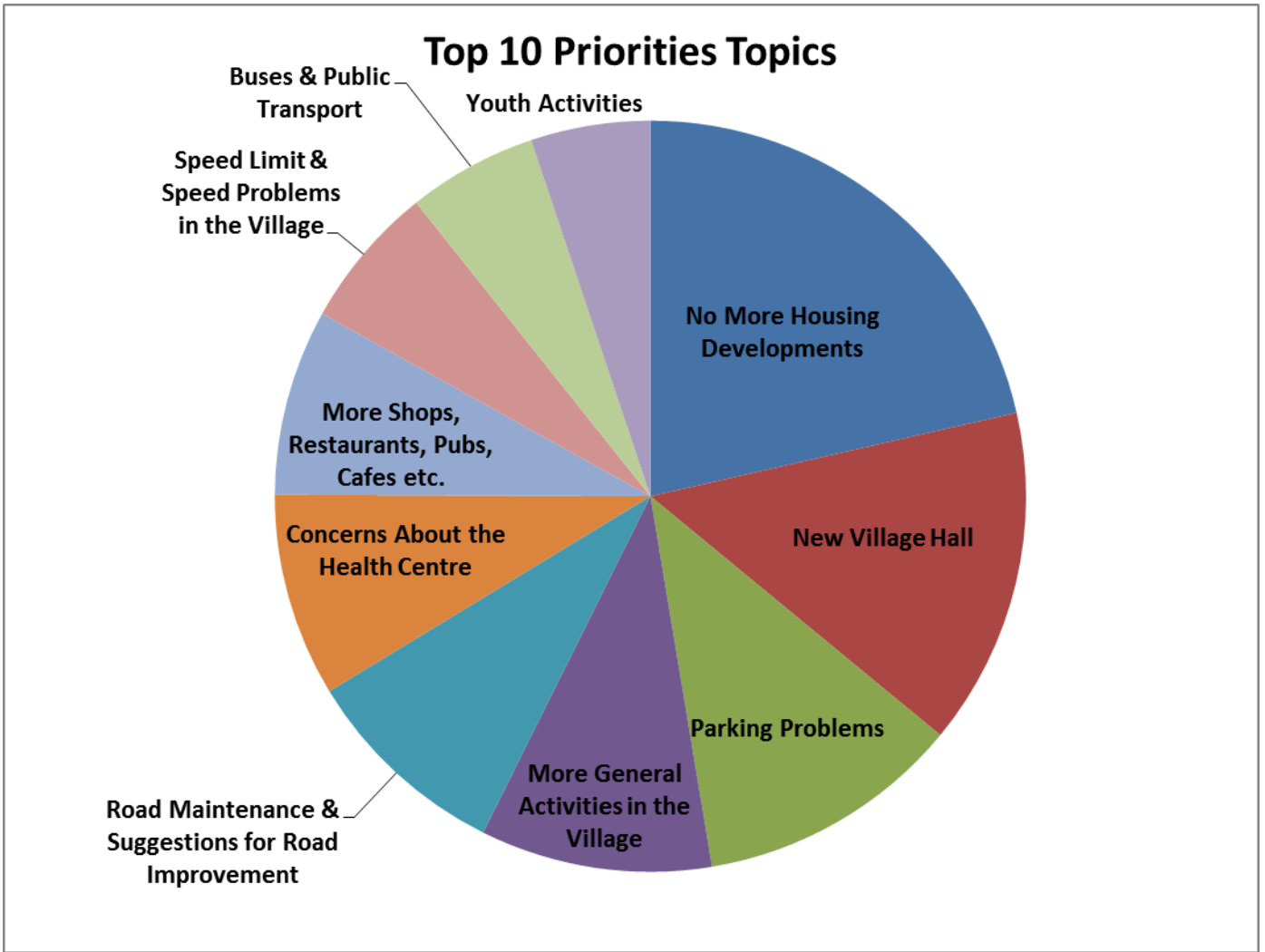
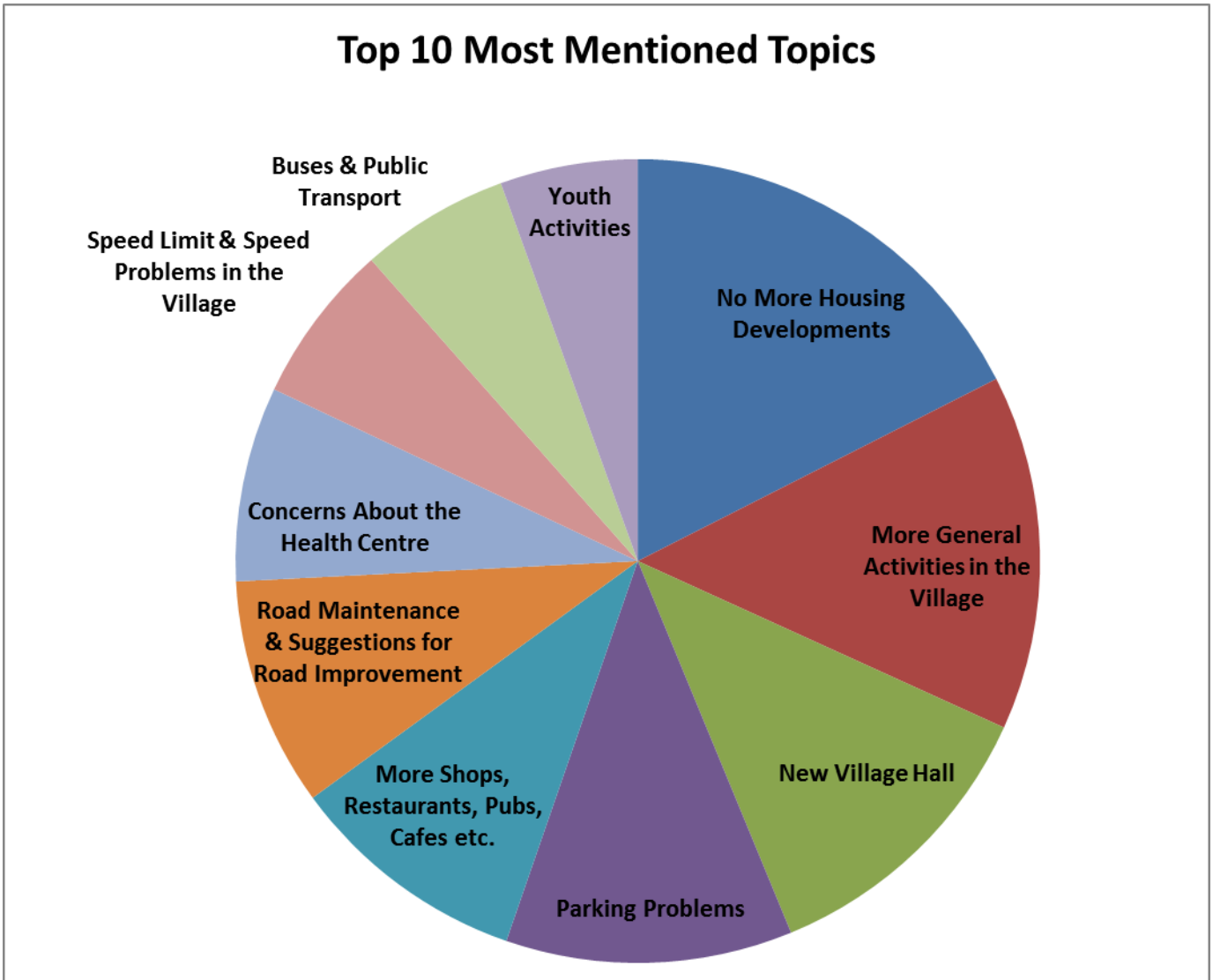


Chart 2:



## Discussion

This section explores and explains the results section in greater detail. It breaks down and analyses subject areas in greater detail.

It is clear from the tables and pie charts in the results section that the top ten subject areas are the same giving a clear indication by score and by frequency of mentions what the 10 most important issues are to the community who took part in the survey. They just feature in a slightly different order depending on if we concentrate on the most mentioned or the most prioritised.

The following sections will examine the top ten subject areas and key suggestions made by residents.

### **No More Housing Developments**

The issue of housing developments was mentioned 38 times. All comments on this subject were against anymore housing developments. Comments Include:

*“No further housing developments – insufficient infrastructure.”*

*“Too many new houses.”*

*“No more houses - our village will be gone!”*

3 residents who mentioned this topic suggested that there should be no further housing developments unless further facilities are available. However 35 residents simply expressed concern at the number of new houses and ask for no more housing developments.

### **The New Village Hall**

The new village hall was mentioned 26 times. 16 people said they outright wanted a new village hall. 1 person stated that they wanted to “keep the village hall”. No one said outright they were opposed to building a new village hall. 6 people were concerned with the location of the new hall and 4 people made suggestions for capacity / the use of the village hall. Suggestions included:

*“Evening courses at the village Hall.”*

*“Village hall needs rooms available for various groups during the day.”*

*“Less restrictions around outdoor facilities at the village hall being used - use without entertainment licence.”*

### **Parking Problems**

Residents were clear that they would like more parking in Iwade. Significant concerns were raised about cars parked on pavements and narrow roads. Comments included:

*“Anti-social parking!”*

*“Stop vehicles parking on pavement”*

## **Activities**

Residents who completed the survey would like to see more activities in Iwade. They highlighted the need for the expansion of activities for all ages.

General activities suggestions included:

- Drama group
- Dance class
- Model (aeroplane) clubs
- I.T classes
- Art
- Language
- Training and education
- Exercise clubs
- Allotments
- Nature education
- Garden club
- Cycle club
- Walking groups
- Wider range of church activities
- Running / jogging club

## **Road Maintenance & Suggestions for Road Improvement**

This topic was mentioned 20 times. Opinions on road maintenance and improvement were very general and no overall theme emerged. Residents requested for the roads and pathways around Iwade to be maintained better. Comments included:

*“Resurface roads.”*

*“Better roads and pavements.”*

2 residents highlighted the need for a pedestrian crossing:

*“Zebra crossing in school lane & lights by post office.”*

*“Pedestrian crossing near the bend at the junction of Grovehurst Road & Sheppey Way”*

2 residents also mentioned the need for double yellow lines outside the school:

*“Double yellow lines on both sides of the road outside the school.”*

*“Double yellow lines on school lane.”*

## **Health**

Residents who completed the survey were concerned about health care in Iwade. Some residents felt that the doctor's surgery cannot cope with the expansion of the village. Comments included:

*"Iwade medical centre just cannot cope."*

*"Better running medical centre."*

*"More permanent doctors at medical centre / more appointments."*

*"Online appointment booking system at Health Centre."*

General suggestions and concerns raised included the need for the health centre to be better managed, and that appointments were not readily available. Residents who mentioned this area, felt generally healthcare facilities needed to be improved.

## **Shops, Pubs and Restaurants**

Residents would like to see more shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants in Iwade. Suggestions included:

*"Another pub."*

*"Fish and chip shop."*

*"More shops."*

*"Coffee shop."*

Residents would like to see empty shop units in the village utilised. Comments included:

*"Empty shop to be utilised."*

*"Encourage businesses to fill empty units in the village centre."*

## **Speed Limit & Speed Problems in the Village**

This area was mentioned 14 times. 6 residents suggested a 20mph speed restriction through the village, while a number of others just expressed concern at speeding. Comments included:

*"20mph speed limit."*

*"Speed bumps."*

*"Slow traffic down between medical centre and Grovehurst road."*

*"Lower speed restrictions in School lane."*

Lorries in the village: Another key concern was large lorries passing through the village. 5 residents suggested weight / width restrictions for lorries passing through Iwade.

Less mentioned / prioritised areas included traffic congestion around the school and road / path maintenance.

## **Buses & Public Transport**

Residents who mentioned this area tended to request more buses or more frequent buses. They requested more buses in general, and more buses to and from Sittingbourne, Maidstone and Sheppey. Comments include:

*“Improved public transport to Sitting Bourne and Shepper.”*

*“More frequent buses to Sitting Bourne.”*

*“More buses.”*

*“Public transport - better links.”*

## **Youth Activities**

Some residents felt that there needed to be improved provisions for the young people in the village.

*“Provision for the post 12 is limited.”*

*“Provision for young people.”*

## **Suggestions Included:**

*“Village hall discos - under 16's.”*

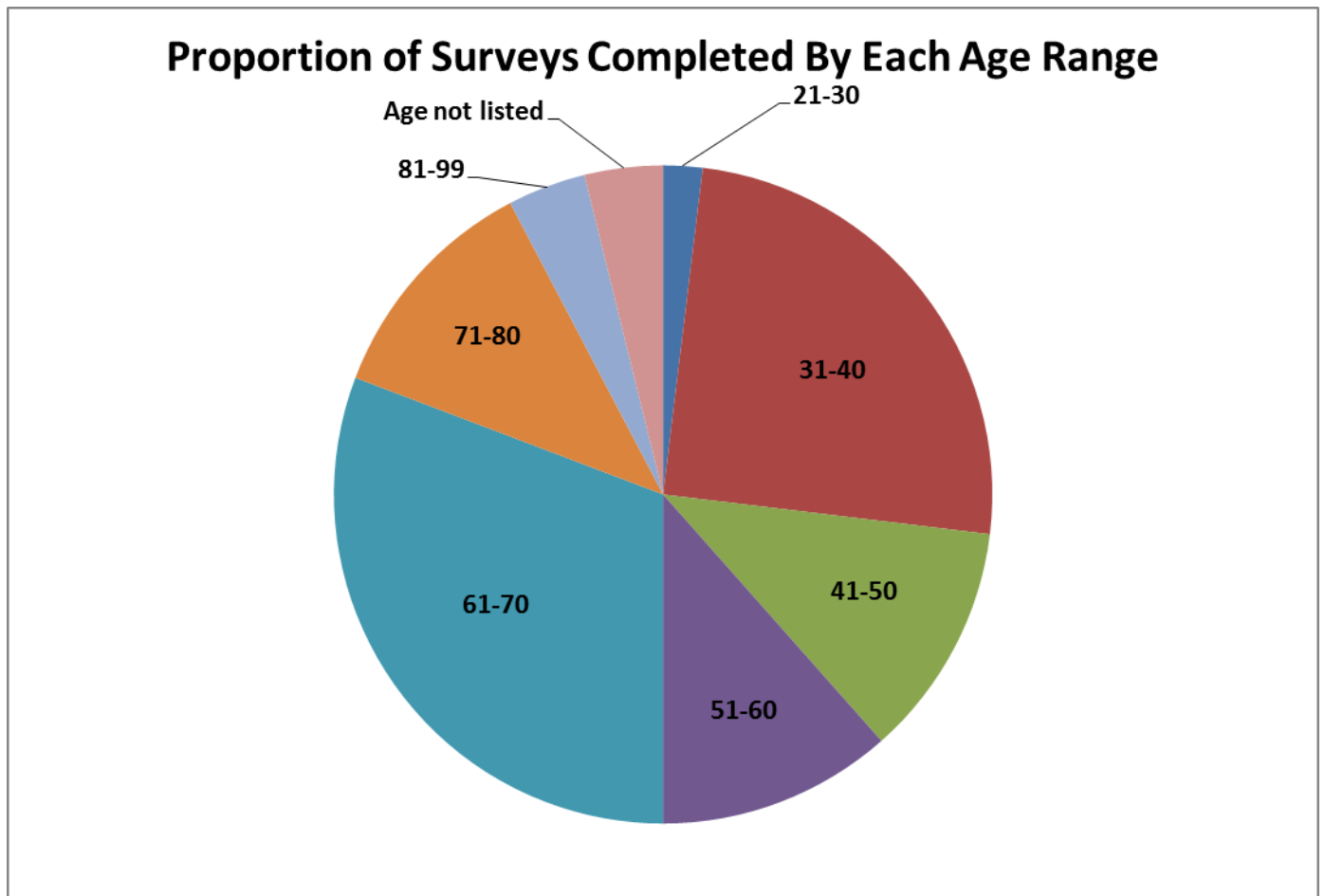
*“Youth club for older children.”*

*“Could elderly / disabled residents be able to apply for village support? E.g. Once a month a group of volunteers could cut their grass and trim their plants ect. Not sure would help with this but if it was all managed well it could link to 3 (a suggestion of a youth club for older children) as young people could gain experience and show commitment.”*



## Limitations of Survey

### Limited Age Range



As shown in the pie chart above, a high proportion of surveys were completed by residents aged between 61 – 70 and 31 – 40. Yet no surveys were completed by those aged under 21.

Because of the large response from particular age groups and a limited response from other age groups, we were unable to effectively compare the priorities in different age groups and would recommend further consultation work with those age groups underrepresented, in particular the under 21s.

### Couples and Households Completing Surveys

Furthermore, issues arise as some surveys were completed by couples and families, not individuals. This confused the results, as various ages were circled on one sheet. For more accurate results in the future, it needs to be made clear on the survey itself that it is one survey per person.



## Appendix – Raw Comments by Theme

### Parking:

More parking  
Stop vehicles parking on pavement  
Parking problems at school times  
Parking - need better controls around village centre and school  
Car park near village centre  
Problems with parking - vehicles parking on pavements  
Vehicles parking on narrow roads - unsafe  
Stop people parking on green areas & access into estates  
Vehicles parking on the pavements  
Vehicles parking on narrow roads - safety  
Fines for vehicles parking on pavements  
Anti-social parking!  
Parking on pavements  
Parking - problems on narrow road  
Continued vigilance to tackle parking issues  
Parking on footpaths stopped  
Continued vigilance to tackle parking issues  
Extend parking into some of the ground behind the Wool pack  
Stop parking on pavements and verges  
More parking spaces  
Vehicles parking on pavement  
Existing developers should provide more car parking  
Better parking facilities for residents  
Parking - new development to have sensible road width, blocking paths  
roads police to prosecute persistent offending, lesser of 2 evils  
increase parking space behind health centre by taking up some of the proposed green space.  
Would also improve potential confidentiality. Remove long term parking option from the village centre and road to playground on the park

### Speed Restrictions:

20 mph limit  
20mph speed limit  
Speed camera on ferry road  
20 mph limit  
20 mph speed limit  
Speed bumps  
20 mph  
Slow traffic down between medical centre and grovehurst road  
20 mph limit in the village  
Stop speeding Mums on school run  
Speeding traffic  
Speed limits through Grovenhurst to Milton  
Lower speed restrictions in School lane

Speed bumps - warning sign

**Lorries in the Village:**

Weight restrictions on lorries entering the village  
Width restriction for lorries in the village  
Stop large vehicles using the road through the village  
Width restrictions of vehicles entering village  
Increase in heavy goods vehicles in the village  
Vehicle width restrictions through the village

**Road Maintenance & Suggestions for Road Improvement:**

Resurface roads  
Road maintenance -regular  
Redouble / resurface the roads / paths  
Traffic priority system when entering village / give way to oncoming traffic  
Roundabouts need cleaning  
Priority signs at all traffic calming areas  
Roads repaired and road markings renewed  
Road layout up to the new builds by the old park on school lane  
Open up roads - do away with the chicanes and put in speed ramps  
Double yellow lines on both sides of the road outside the school  
Meaningful traffic management with prioritised traffic flows  
Zebra crossing in school lane & lights by post office  
Priority signs at all traffic calming areas  
Pedestrian crossing near the bend at the junction of Grovehurst Road & Sheppey Way  
Better roads and pavements  
Double yellow lines on school lane  
Road inconsistent in chi-canes on Sheppy Way  
Brick areas in new roads not suitable for purpose  
Get rid of traffic calming and put speed bumps instead  
Zebra crossing - school lane

**No more housing developments:**

No more housing developments  
No more houses being built  
No more houses  
No more houses  
No more houses  
No more houses  
No more houses to be built  
No more houses to be built  
No more houses to be built

Too many houses  
No more houses  
No more housing developments  
No more housing developments  
No more houses  
No more housing developments  
No more houses  
No more housing  
No more houses  
No more house building  
Stop building houses in Iwade, enough is enough  
Stop building houses in Iwade or it will be a city  
No more new building of houses  
No more houses to be built  
No more house building  
Complete block on further major development of housing  
No more houses - our village will be gone!  
Limit any further housing  
No more houses  
No more housing developments  
No more houses  
Too many new houses  
No further housing developments - insufficient infrastructure  
No more housing expansion plans for the village  
No more housing than currently planned, unless proper infrastructure provided  
Housing and planning  
Overcrowding of houses  
Additional housing - must be limited until further facilities are available

#### **New Village Hall:**

New village hall  
New village hall  
Bigger village hall  
New village hall  
New village hall  
New village hall  
New village hall  
Keep village hall where it is  
New village hall  
New village hall  
New village hall  
Keep village hall  
Keep the village hall  
Need to know position of the new village hall  
Village hall should stay where it is  
Do not build new village hall on existing play area, why not build it by the doctors surgery on A249 for easy access and parking can be shared with the doctors surgery as existing parking is too small

New village hall with cafe and sports facilities  
Village hall to stay on the same site  
New hall to cater for all ages  
Provision for a new village hall with a capacity of 100 but extending when necessary to 250 plus at least 2 smaller rooms for 50 & 20  
New village hall  
Village hall needs rooms available for various groups during the day  
New village hall to have facilities for youth clubs  
New village hall  
Suitable location for village hall  
Village Hall - Resolve outstanding issues and build new hall. By trying to satisfy everyone it would be irresponsible to lose potential funding and donations and consequently the loss of approx £1,000,000 capital asset

### **Activities:**

Allotments for children  
Village activities - drama groups, model clubs, dance class  
Children's activities - tennis, football  
Nature education - about local area  
More trade and craft events  
Environmental projects - Community environmental activities, involve wildlife groups, create a biodiversity action plan for area behind Vaughan Drive  
Sports teams - more netball, cricket, athletics  
Less restrictions around outdoor facilities village hall being used - use without entertainment licence  
Education and training  
Interest groups and adult education groups (skills training)  
Theatre / drama group / pantomime  
More activities clubs for all age groups  
More community activities  
Football - no where for young people / children to play anymore  
IT lessons to encourage all residents to access internet  
Community volunteer scheme to support vulnerable or one person households  
Organise and advertise events that involve the whole community  
Community centre catering for residents elderly, all ages, disabled etc.  
Community activities for all ages  
A garden club  
Historical society  
wine and wisdom  
Education and training  
Exercise classes for adults  
Walking groups for all ages  
Evening courses at Village Hall  
Wider range of church activities  
Activity classes - keep fit / dance / art / language / poetry  
Cycle club  
Running / jogging clubs  
Anti bullying groups - include internet abuse

**Medical Centre:**

Doctors surgery needs sorting out  
Medical centre  
More permanent doctors at medical centre / more appointments  
Online appointment booking system at Health Centre  
Iwade - Medical Centre  
Bigger car park for medical centre  
Iwade medical centre just cannot cope  
Improved medical centre  
Better running medical centre  
Medical centre is important / worried about its future  
Better doctors service  
Enhancement of doctors surgery  
Medical centre not able to cope  
More doctors needed at health centre  
Medical provision  
Improvements to medical centre  
Health Centre - consistency readily access to doctors as was the case 5 years ago

**dog mess:**

Dog owners pick up mess  
Enclosed dog play area  
Less dog poo  
Dog poo on path  
Problem with dog mess  
Dog mess - owners need to be picking up after their dogs  
More poo bins for dog mess  
Dog walking areas  
Initiative to prevent dog fouling  
Dog mess  
Dogs club - socialise, tackle problems with dogs mess

**Litter:**

Less litter  
Litter cleaning team  
Keep the village cleaner  
Litter in hedgerow to left of Colson drive  
Litter  
Bins outside cost cutter  
More litter bins  
Initiative to prevent fly tipping  
Initiative to prevent Littering  
Vandalism and Litter - more aggressive action by the authorities

Voluntary litter picking

**Policing:**

Walking police officer on the beat  
crime and safety  
Community officer  
More police patrols to prevent crime  
Visible policing  
More evening patrols by police

**Bus & Transport:**

Public transport - better links  
Better bus links  
More buses / more frequent buses  
More buses  
More frequent buses to Sitting Bourne  
Buses - indicators about how long the bus will be  
Better public transport directly to major shopping and entertainment venues  
A bus service that goes into Bluewater occ  
Improved public transport to Sitting Bourne and Shepper  
More buses  
Transport  
Shuttle bus to Sitting Bourne Street  
Night time bus service to and from Maidstone

**Desire for Recreation Space / Sports Centre:**

Outdoor fitness area  
Recreation area for children - tennis, football  
Water park  
Swale more useable for recreation  
Recreation field - especially for football  
new sports centre  
More sporting facilities  
Open public space for recreational purposes for everyone  
Gym or fitness centre

**Street lighting:**

Street Lighting  
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Street lighting  
Better street lighting  
Street lighting  
Street lighting improvement



### **Youth activities:**

Youth Disco  
Youth club for older children  
Volunteer support for elderly residents - cut grass, trim plants - gain young people experience  
More activities for older children (10+)  
Somewhere for teens to 'hang out'  
Provision for young people - recreation / learning  
Youth provision - drop in / meeting place  
Some sort entertainment for teens  
Better facilities for youth (YMCA etc)  
Provision for young people  
Provisions for post 12 is limited  
Village hall discos - under 16's

### **Elderly activities:**

More provisions for the elderly  
Provision for elderly people to meet  
Elderly meeting group  
More accommodation for the elderly  
Regular daytime meetings and outings for over 50's  
A social club for the elderly (including exercise)  
Pilates / yoga classes for older people  
Coffee mornings for the over 60's

### **More Shops, Restaurants, Pubs, Cafes etc.**

More shops, restaurants  
Coffee shop in new village hall - meet and greet Sundays  
Another pub  
Coffee shop  
cafe/ meeting place for all  
Cafe  
More shops  
Better utilization of shopping area  
Fish and chip shop  
Fish and chip shop  
Chinese take away  
More shops  
Empty shop unit to be utilised  
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Fill empty shop in the centre of the village  
Encourage businesses to fill empty units in the village centre  
Another shopping area by medical centre for new houses

Empty shop to be filled  
Baker / coffee shop - Londis is too expensive  
Chinese take away  
Monthly car boot fairs

### **Plants in the Village:**

Environment - improving landscape - flowers every household donate £20 annually  
Orchards - retaining these  
More plants & old oaks covered in ivy - need to be removed  
More trees and open spaces  
Communal shrub areas needs to be maintained  
Trees overgrown from stream to gardens  
Trees to be trimmed back in the stream  
Shrubs and flower beds not maintained  
Garden hedges over grown onto paths

### **Dentist Practice:**

Dental practice  
Dentist  
Access to dental services  
A dentist  
Dentist  
Local dentist

### **Local Schools:**

Do not make school bigger  
Better school facilities  
Bigger school  
School bigger - cannot cope with expansion in village  
Increase capacity of Iwade School  
Every child in Iwade to have a space at Iwade school  
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Another Primary school (more houses = more children)  
Secondary school  
School places

### **Crime:**

Surveillance cameras - safety, law enforcement  
Neighbourhood watch schemes on every road  
Increase in burglaries  
Increase in crime  
Crime and safety

## **Traffic:**

Traffic problems outside the school in morning and afternoon  
Concern about the increase of traffic on already busy school lane, once new houses are occupied  
More traffic in congested areas

## **Other answers:**

Fence around the pond - more secure  
Better links to countryside from housing  
More land for general use - not football pitches  
Barn near church to belong to Parish Council  
Teach kids road safety  
More grit bins  
Keep the website- great idea - maybe a children's / teens section  
Reapply for Kent village of the year  
Family Centre  
Delivery parcel central collection and drop off point  
Best kept gardens - awards?  
Stream - to be maintained better  
Utilise public buildings to all their potential  
Public toilet  
Country park  
Space limited in the Church yard - concerned  
Pavilion in the sports field  
Salt bins in the old part of Iwade  
Turn barn into meeting hall  
Promote better marking of local footpaths  
Use forums / social media to promote events in the village  
Keep traffic signage to a minimum necessary to avoid sign clutter  
Funding to help develop a community area on the allotments  
More widespread local consultation - not everyone has / wants access to Facebook / internet  
Get adverts off of Iwade does Facebook  
More flat open public spaces  
Pollution monitoring (Ridham Dook area)  
Foul smell from compost plant at Ridham dock area  
More picnic benches in Woodpecker Park  
Employment  
Information/services/employment/climate when we can afford them  
A veterinary surgery  
The alleyway at the back of the stream either needs to be blocked of or gated  
A petrol station  
IPC - Meeting minutes generally issued too late to be meaningful. My old village issued draft minutes soon after meeting. The official minutes were then achieved

Handrails on the bridge near Coleshall Cottages  
More protection on nature sites  
Recycle bins for clothes / shoes  
Allotments sponsored by town hall - volunteers train / teach others  
Church / town hall to be utilised more  
Local radio station